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THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
Kwan Hol Chuen, Esq.,

Chief Manager,

Geo. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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Co.,
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Geo. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened:—Money
received on Deposit, Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

Insurance.

THE STANDARD A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVIDENT
INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000—£12,110,000
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS, at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 7, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS—600,000. £333,333 1/3.
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOU TAO SUN, Esq.,
Lo YUK MOON, Esq.,

MANAGER.—HO'AMET.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries
at Stone-cutter Island from the 7th January
till the end of the month, between the hours of
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and
SUNDAYS excepted.
The line of fire will be in Westerly and South-
Westerly directions from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the range.
By Command,
W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE Master and Agents of the Steamship
"REVOT" will not be RESPONSIBLE for
any DEBTS contracted by the Officers or Crew
during the vessel's stay in this port.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.

LOST.

A SMALL Black-and-Tan Terrier bitch
answers to name of "VIC." Please
communicate with the Underigned. Reward
if required.

JOHN J. FRANCIS,
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1892.

LOST.

FROM Pelter's Hill, a FOX TERRIER
DOG PUPPY.

The Finder will oblige by returning it to the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 43.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
will be observed at this Office and the
Kowloon Customs Stations, from the 29th of
the 12th moon to the 6th day of the 1st moon, at
8 a.m. (29th January to 4th February), and
during that period all Shipment, Discharge, and
Examination of Cargo will be suspended.
J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 20th January, 1892.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CHINA
AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
intend to exercise the lien conferred on them by their Articles of Association
with respect to Shares Nos. 1416/1485,
70 Old Shares; and Nos. 1001/1065, 1044/1053,
and 3068/3085, 6 New Shares; and that pur-
chasers of them will take the same subject to
such lien and its consequences.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1892.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-first Ordinary Half-yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road
Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a
Report of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and
electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to 20th inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG, INCORPORATED.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE First Annual General MEETING of the
MEMBERS of this INSTITUTION will
be held at the Rooms, No. 16, Praya Central,
on the Evening of SATURDAY, the 30th
January, 1892, at 9 o'clock p.m., to receive and
pass the Report and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended December 31st, 1891.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1892.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock
(Noon), on SATURDAY, the 6th February next,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 28th to 31st January to 6th
February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

THE PUBLIC PROTECTION FUND.

NOTICE TO SYMPATHISERS.

As there appears to be some misunder-
standing respecting subscriptions to the above
Fund I have to state that I shall be happy to
receive any sum which friends, sympathisers and
supporters of Mr. R. FRASER-SMITH may feel
disposed to contribute towards defraying the
damages and costs incurred by the defendant in
the recent libel suit, *Minkins v. Fraser-Smith*.

CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON-PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, 24th June, 1891.

Intimations.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
AND

Commission Agents.

WINTER REQUISITES.

CRUICKSHANK'S Cough Balsam.
Do. Balsamic Cough Lozenges.
Do. Cod Liver Oil Emulsion.
Do. Chlorate of Potash Tablets.
CHEST PROTECTORS, Single and Double, INHALERS, GODFREY'S, COCHILL'S, &c., &c.
CORK MATS, for use in Bathrooms.
HOT WATER BOTTLES, &c., &c.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

W. POWELL & CO.

BLANKETS,
BLANKETS,
BLANKETS.

TRAVELLING REQUISITES.

PORTMANTEAUX, OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLADSTONE BAGS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.
SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION.
PORPOISE-HIDE RAKES, TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH Calf BOOTS & SHOES.
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL AND ENGINEERING.
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS AND DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

SADDLERY.

BUCKSKIN RACE SADDLES.
Hack Saddles.
Saddle Cloths, Weight Cloths, Pony Clothing.
Jockey Whips, Driving Whips.
Saddle Bricks.
Racing Belas, Driving Belas.

PONY HARNESS.

Successors, Girths, Rollers, Stirrup Leathers.
Stirrup Webs, Headstalls, Cruppers, Martingales.
Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, Boot Tops, Boot-top Liquid, Saddle Soap, Bowne Leather Dressing.
Orders for Riding Breeches and Racing Colours should be sent in at once.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

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CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

By HERBERT A. GILES, H.B.M. Consul at Ningpo.

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- (1)—Syllabic arrangement according to the romanisation of Sir Thomas Wade, Peking tones (with
Entering tone indicated), phonetic grouping, etc., etc.
- (2)—By far the most extensive collection hitherto published of Chinese phraseology, illustrative of
Idioms, classical and colloquial, as well as of historical and mythological references and
Constituent Service.
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Annamese), romanised under a uniform system of orthography by Mr. E. H. Parker, H.B.M.
Consul at Hallow.
- (4)—Newly-revised Tables, dynastic, geographical, and calendaric; complete list of surnames,
etc., etc., specially prepared by Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, H.B.M. Vice-Consul at Shanghai.
Part I, consisting of p p 1-500 Royal 4to is now ready and will be delivered to Subscribers.
THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST WILL CLOSE JANUARY 31st, AFTER WHICH
DATE THE PRICE WILL BE RAISED TO \$35.00.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

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PIANOS AND ORGANS for cash at HOME PRICES or on the MONTHLY PAYMENT

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guarantee all our work to be equal to any done at home. Estimates free.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

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(And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

W. BREWER

HAS JUST RECEIVED

PORTUGAL, by STEPHENS.
Barracks, Bivouacs and Battles by
Archibald Forbes.
The Afghan Wars, by ditto.
Japanese Letters,—"Eastern Impressions" of
Western Men.
Freaks of Fanaticism, by Barling Gould.
Month in a Dandi—Brenner.

W. BREWER.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1892.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM 30 SILK LINED.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

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EVENING DRESS 1 HOSE, SILK, THREAD, AND MERINO.

EVENING DRESS 2 HOSE, SHOES, HATS, AND PUMPS.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1891.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 28th January, 1892, at 2.30, at the
Godowns and Yard of the
MESSAGRIES MARITIMES Co.,
Bowlington, Praya East,

THE FOLLOWING

P L A N T S,

&c., &c., &c.

Comprising:—

DAHLIAS, CONIFERS, CROTONS,
ORCHIDS, ROSES, CAMELLIAS, PASSION
FLOWERS, ZELIAS, CYPRESS, SWEET
WILLIAM, MAGNOLIAS, JASMINE,
FERNS, CREEPERS, GERANIUM, CAMO-
MILE, CHRYSANTHEMUM, BALSAM, and
HANGING PLANTS

&c., &c., &c.

ORANGE, PEACH, LEMON, & CAMPHOR
TREES.

AVIARY with Birds.

PORCELAIN FLOWER STANDS.

PIGEON-HOUSE and PIGEONS,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 29th January, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 3, Wyndham Street.

THE WELL-KNOWN YACHT

"COLLEEN BAWN,"

As she now lies opposite the Godown
Co.'s Wharf, Kowloon.

Dimensions:—

Length over all.....32' 6"

Beam.....7' 8"

Depth.....3' 6"

With Ballast and a complete Suit of Sails
(new).

All defects and errors of description at Pur-
chaser's risk on fall of hammer.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 3rd February, 1892, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms No. 3, Wyndham Street.

THE SCHOONER "MONTARA,"

AS SHE NOW LIES IN YAU-MAT-TAY.

Length.....75 feet.

Beam.....17 feet.

Depth of hold.....7 1/2 feet.

Registered Tonnage.....75 tons.

(Owing to recent alterations the carrying
capacity of the *Montara* has been increased to
about 170 tons dead weight.)

The *Montara* was built in Singapore, and is
most solidly constructed of teak throughout, with
iron-work frames. She has recently been
thoroughly overhauled under experienced
European superintendence, fastened throughout
with galvanised spikes, and newly re-coppered.
Draft of water about 7 feet.

Also,

THE ENGINES AND BOILER OF THE
CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHEUNG,"

AS THEY LIE AT ABERDEEN DOCK.

The Engines of the *Chop-cheung* were
constructed by Messrs. INGLIS & Co., of
Wanchai

For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.
NOW READY.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDO-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND CORREA, FOR THE YEAR 1892.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found THE CHIEFEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND ONLY RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above-named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Cebu, Manila, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1892 contains a carefully revised—

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG;
A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG. The latest and only reliable PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

THE WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valuable* *medium* for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1892 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Suez Canal.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at this Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports, for

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East; at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, in the Australian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" PUBLISHERS, HILL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1892.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.
CHEMISTS, &c.
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all baby taste and flavour is entirely covered. In glass jars at 7s. 6d. per bottle.

COD LIVER OIL 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.

Per bottle, 7s. 6d. and 1s. 3d. COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children. Per bottle, 1s. 3d.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs. Per bottle, 1s. 3d. Per dozen 12s. 6d.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE. For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 50 Cents and 1s. BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs. In bottles, 50 Cents.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havana. They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE 5s. 50 per Box of 250.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN AND RUM. Our avouree and well-known Brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each, £1.50 Do Bags do 25lb do £4.00 Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS" LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest Machines in the market for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED. SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

LONDON, JANUARY 25th.

Lord Vivian has been appointed Ambassador at Rome, and Sir Edmund J. Monson, Minister at Brussels. Sir Edwin Barry Egerton, now at Paris, has been appointed Minister to Athens.

ILLNESS OF THE POPE.

His Holiness the Pope is indisposed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U.S. MONOCACY has gone on a cruise up the Yangtze.

A JAPANESE paper says that the steamship *Hakuryu*, formerly the *Shima Maru*, is to be turned into an armed cruiser for the Korean Government.

INTELLIGENCE was received in Wuhu the other day of the death at Hankow of Commander R. D. B. Bruce of H.M.S. *Swift*, from inflammation of the lungs.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Calcutta*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 7 a.m. to-day, for this port.

It has been truly said that it is often easier for a man to complete a round of pleasure than it is for him to make things square afterwards.

A FIRE occurred at No. 16, Concession, Kobo, on the 17th inst., a small section of the roof being burnt. The building was insured in the China Fire Insurance Company.

THE creditors of a Melbourne "legal manager" accepted the other week a composition of one penny in the £. As an instance of smart legal management this is worthy of special notice.

ENGLAND is no doubt a "bust-up" country, but she can still claim pre-eminence in one thing. An American contemporary admits that London has the greatest Zoological Gardens in the world.

The Wife (three a.m.)—"When you married me, did you not promise to love, cherish, and protect me?"

The Husband (sleepily)—"Yes."

The Wife—"Well then, get up, light the gas and kill that mosquito."

THE *Hugo News* says that there is little doubt that the firm of Colgate Baker and Co., of Kobo, are in difficulties, the liabilities being stated at £100,000. Mr. Colgate Baker left for Vancouver in the last *Empress*. Extensive shipments of tea, combined with speculation in exchange, are stated to have involved the firm.

By the *Lydia* to-day Capt. F. H. Banno, who has commanded the *Hendrick* on the Hamburg-China line of German steamships for some years with marked success, left for Europe to take over the post of Marine Superintendent of the Sturge Shipping Company at Hamburg. His chief officer has been promoted to the command of the *Hendrick*.

NOTES for the Quarantine Commissioners. From the *Japan Daily Advertiser*—Small-pox within these last few weeks has spread so widely and assumed such violence that something very like a scare has set in. Among Japanese the ravages of the disease have been very severe, but foreigners enjoyed comparative immunity, though as we go to press we learn of three fresh cases in which the victims are foreign residents.

We are in a position to state positively that Captain John Ambrose Clarke is not the writer of letters reflecting on the conduct of the captain, engineers and officers of the steamer *Namchow* which have recently appeared in the *China Mail* and *Daily Press*. Captain Clarke writes:—"Some malicious twaddler has circulated the report that I am the author of the obnoxious allegations, but I am not. The first I knew of them was when I saw them in print."

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary says that the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Pekin*, having been thoroughly overhauled and strengthened, has been placed on the Shanghai-Ningpo run. Some alterations have been made in the engine department and she has been supplied with 160 electric lights. It is worthy of note that there were three local steamers alongside the French concession wharves yesterday that have been supplied with the electric light, namely the *Pekin*, *Angkita* and *Kiangtung*.

A FEW months ago Bernard Schmitz, a substantial German farmer of Atchison county, Kan., concluded to go back to Germany after an absence of twenty-three years. When he arrived in the old country he was arrested as a deserter from the Prussian army and is now serving under the Emperor as a soldier. Schmitz is a prosperous and highly respected man, and has a wife in Atchison county. It is a wonder in the face of such ridiculous tyranny as this that Socialism has become a great power in Germany.

OUR estimable evening contemporary thinks that because the troops *Tamar* and *Himalaya* are timed to arrive in Singapore on the 9th and 7th of next month, respectively, "there will be racing all the way." It may be taken for granted that, on the contrary, there will be no racing at all, "driving" being strictly prohibited on board Her Majesty's troops unless under special instructions issued in time of war or imminent disaster of some kind. The idea of troops laden with soldiers racing! Pahaw!

"SAPPHO SMITH" on Admirals:—"Talking about Admirals, what does an Admiral do? As the frowning Providence to so many jack-tars and whisks his gold-braided coat-tails round the marble halls of the retired pork-butcher in the stuccoed suburb. The rest of the time goes in squabbling over little side-winds of ceremony and seeing that the flag gets dipped the proper number of times when he appears anywhere suddenly on the bridge of his flagship, and that's nearly the total of his trying duties. It must be as easy as breathing to be an Admiral once you're in. You needn't even be a good sailor, for most of the Admirals we become familiar with in Australia travel per Pullman car whenever they have the chance, while the vessel creeps round the coast and the faithful newspapers report that the Admiral passed Bineyong at 4 p.m."

THE Shanghai *Mercury* of the 22nd inst. reports as follows:—"At 6 o'clock this afternoon an important arrest was made by Inspector Keeling in connection with the robbery of £50,000 from a bank in Sydney. The accused, who has several aliases, refuses to give an account of himself and will be brought up at H.B.M.'s Police Court to-morrow. The specific charge against him is of stealing £150, and it is stated that the accused, with an accomplice, has been cruising about the Pacific in a schooner which they purchased with the stolen money."

On the same subject the *N. C. Daily News* says:—"A man describing himself as a cigar merchant, named Marana, but whose real name is believed to be Samuel Davis, was arrested by Detective Inspector Keeling yesterday, on a charge of fraudulently misappropriating goods to the value of £150 at Sydney, New South Wales. He will be brought before the Assistant Judge this morning, and probably remanded pending the arrival of police officers from Sydney."

A SAD TALE.

Tom Johnson was a gentleman, Who went out to solicit, But whosoever he began He always seemed to miss it.

The first had always just insured, The second gone away; And when he interviews secured, They pleaded for delay.

One promised for December; Another might in June; A third would in September; A fourth, no fixed time—soon.

The trouble was the butcher Would not accept his vow, To liquidate in future For beefsteaks furnished now.

Since men would not insure their lives, Poor Johnson lost his own; And as a warning to his wives, His spouse put on his stone.

HIS JACK THOMAS JOHNSON; HIS DISEASE COULD NOT BE CURED; HE TRIED TO LIVE ON PROMISES, AND SO—STAYED, UNSTAYED.

We shall have something to say of the Oplam-Farm fiasco in our next issue.

THE general election for the Japanese Parliament is fixed for February 15th.

In Tokyo a serious fire has occurred, in which some fifty houses suffered partial or total destruction.

GOVERNOR ROBINSON'S address to the Legislative Council yesterday has been generally very favorably commented on.

THE barometer is falling steadily, and the weather is cloudy, thick, and hot, like a day in August rather than January. Is a typhoon coming?

A TERRIBLE and disastrous fire occurred in Shizuoka, Japan, on the 9th inst. Several hundred houses were destroyed, including several public buildings.

THE Yokohama Agency of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris was closed on the 18th inst. The Yokohama Specie Bank has taken over the Comptoir's business at Yokohama.

We are informed that Captain Archibald has been appointed to the command of the *Empress of China*, and will join her in Japan; meanwhile, chief officer, Mr. Pybus, is acting captain.

CAPTAIN A. TILLET, who has been in command of the Canadian Pacific Company's liner *Empress of China* for some time, now holds office as Marine Superintendent of the Company at this port.

At the annual meeting of the "United Mark" Lodge, No. 419, E.C., held on the 25th inst., Brother John Bryant was elected Worshipful Master, Bro. J. R. Gimble, Treasurer, and Bro. J. Maxwell, Tyler, for the ensuing year.

No more Englishmen live to tell the story of Waterloo. Lord Albemarle, General Whitcombe and Colonel Hewitt, the three survivors who celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle in June, 1869, are now dead, and the famous Waterloo list at the British War Office has been closed.

A CURIOUS fact revealed by the figures of the recent census is that, while there are in the United States three cities of over 1,000,000 inhabitants each, one of between 800,000 and 900,000, three of between 400,000 and 500,000 each, and nine of between 200,000 and 300,000 each, there is not a single one having between 300,000 and 400,000 inhabitants.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Inspector General of the Imperial Maritime Customs for a very interesting publication giving a reliable list of the light-houses, light-vessels, buoys and beacons on the coast of China. This work has been corrected up to the 1st December, 1891, and ought to be in the hands of the masters and officers of every ship navigating the China Sea.

SHOULD that much-vaunted Northern mine really prove as big a sham as it now appears to be, the Queensland Government, remarks the *Sydney Bulletin*, might do worse than appoint, in the interests of honest mining, a commission of enquiry with power to inspect the bank-accounts of all Government officials and other persons who have been mixed up with its launching and puffing.

Times must be as bad in Queensland as they are in Hongkong. Brisbane is thus described:—"Scores of empty shops in the main street; bars and billiard-rooms silent and vacant; visiting business surrounded by swarming cads; bailiffs and debt-collectors undisputed monarchs of the hour; heat and stillness overpowering; Ministers of the Crown either absent on tour or skulking in back alleys; even Governor Norman, when he does venture outside Government House grounds, takes the secluded small streets for his peregrinations."

We have to acknowledge receipt of Melk-John's *Japan Directory* for 1892, a useful publication that contains a list of commercial houses in Japan and Corea, the Japanese Government Departments, the Japanese Peerage, an alphabetically arranged list of foreign residents in Japan and Corea, together with a mass of other interesting information and a lithographed plan of Yokohama. This annual publication has greatly improved of late years, it is clearly printed and generally well got up, and as it is published at the reasonable price of 2s. it should command a ready sale throughout the Far East.

With reference to the complimentary benefit to be given in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-morrow night to Mr. W. Walshe, it will be seen from the amended programme in another column that Mr. Walshe has secured the valuable assistance of the String Band of the United States Light Infantry, which will do double duty by playing the selections of the entertainment. The Scottish selections from Bonniwell's "Robert Bruce" include several well known airs which are especially appropriate to the recent departure of our friends of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and which will doubtless meet with an enthusiastic reception. Seats may be booked at Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., where a plan of the theatre is on view.

MADAME WOODEY'S Circus has come, been seen, and has apparently conquered, for last night the troupe performed to another crowded house. All the different items on the programme were carried through with a smoothness and dexterity suggestive of a fixed determination on the part of the performers to make the show "pan out," the proverbial 24 carat. As on the previous night the chief features of the evening were the juggling acts on horseback by Lee, the superb riding by Dixon and Schadel, the acrobatic feat of Bryant and the wonderful series of contortions by little Ethel. "Victor," too, was as good as ever. The performance will be repeated to-night, and to-morrow a *matinee* will be given for the special benefit of the younger generation of Hongkongites. An early change of programme is announced.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	
Yangtze	steamer, from Shanghai.
Peking	" " " " " "
Latang	" " " " " "
Fokien	" " " " " "
Lansing	" " " " " "
Lysmoor	ship, Canton.
Josephus	ship, New York.
Aggregating 11,399 tons, register.	
Outward.	
Melpomene	steamer, for Singapore.
Activ	" " " " " "
Smith	" " " " " "
Lansing	" " " " " "
Lydia	" " " " " "
Tomas	" " " " " "
Thalia	" " " " " "
Titan	" " " " " "
Arcturion	" " " " " "
Changsha	" " " " " "
Aggregating 11,006 tons, register.	

By latest advices from the North the British gun-boat *Swift* and the German gunboat *Wolf* were at Hankow, the British gun-vessel *Peacock* and the French cruiser *Incensant* at Wuhu, and the British gun-vessel *Redpole* at Chinkiang.

A COLLISION has taken place between a sailing vessel of Hyogo and the N.Y.K. *Sunday-maru* while the latter was on her way to Kobo. Both steamer and sailing vessel were considerably damaged, the *Sunday-maru* taking the crew of the latter on board and towing her in to Kobo.

CHANG CHI-TUNG, says the Shanghai *Mercury*, appears to have turned the railway clock, which the steamship *Afrika* landed recently at Wankong (Wong-chong), to good account. The carriage and locomotive have been put together, and may be seen freely moving about by passing steamers. Chang evidently means business.

ONE of the London Missionary Society's young men, named Wilson, was brought down from Canton last Saturday night by the steamer *Fatshan* and lodged in the local Asylum. The unfortunate man, we believe, has only been a few months in Canton, and it is said that over-study of the Chinese language upset his mental equilibrium. We don't know anything more calculated to transform any ordinarily sane person into a raving lunatic of the most pronounced type.

We note that the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Wanchang* has been placed on the berth for Manila direct. This is a new departure with a vengeance; but as Butterfield and Swire "run" the C. N. Co. it is only what might have reasonably been looked for in the near future. The China and Manila Steamship Co. or Jardine, Matheson & Co. will possibly checkmate the grab-all policy of "Ye Scavengers" by one of these days placing an opposition steamer to the *Hankow* on the Canton river.

THE discovery of immense deposits of a remarkable mineral substance, not unlike asbestos in its properties, has been reported from the United States of Colombia. It has the colour of amber, is perfectly transparent, and cannot be burned. Experiments made at Byroto indicate that it will be of great value for the manufacture of bank-note paper, for fire-proof and water-proof roofing tiles, and for incandescent suits for firemen. A white varnish can also be extracted from it. The substance has been named *bucaramangina*, and it is expected to prove of greater importance than asbestos.

PROFESSOR BALDWIN'S "Butterfly" Company attracted another large audience to the City Hall last night, the Theatre being well filled throughout. An entire change of programme was given, and "My Wife's Relations" and the clever performances of Mesdames Delroy and Constance and Mr. James Bell were heartily applauded. The Professor was quite at home in the Cabinet *dance* and showed how this clever business was done; but whether the audience were any wiser after being shown the mystery is very much open to doubt. However, it must be admitted that a very large number of those present went specially to see Mrs. Kettle Baldwin's hypnotic clairvoyance, and considerable disappointment was expressed that this attractive item was left out of the bill of fare. It will be observed from the notice in our advertising columns that Mrs. Baldwin will give her unique performance to-night, and no doubt it will prove a great draw. "The Butterflies" will make their final appearance in Hongkong on Friday evening, for which occasion an unusually novel and fetching programme is being prepared.

A SHORT account of how an office boy saved the Editor of the *Detroit Free Press*—

The paper had printed something Johnson didn't like and he was going to see the Editor about it and dump the stuffing out of him, so he said:—"At the foot of the stairs leading to the editorial den he found a small boy, who blocked his way."

"Is the Editor in?" he inquired roughly.

"Yes, sir," replied the boy, politely.

"Can I see him?"

"I don't know, sir."

"Well, I want to. Do I go up this way?"

"Ah, you Mr. Johnson?" inquired the boy, with evident personal interest.

"Yes, I am."

"The same that the paper gave it to in the neck?"

"Yes. What's that to you?"

"Nothing much, Mr. Johnson, but I'm your friend."

"No, you don't say?" said the visitor, sarcastically surveying him. "Well, let me go on up stairs, won't you?"

"But, Mr. Johnson, before you go into the Editor's room you look into the corner by the door and get a drop pin settle there; I put it where you could get it easy. You see the Editor is looking for you and he's got a big horse pistol in his drawer and a hatchet layin' on his desk, and when I see them preparations I just thought it was a shame for the Editor to go for a man in his old paper and use a hatchet on him besides without giving him some sort of show."

"I ain't nobody but a office boy, but I know what I want to do as well as if I was President of the United States. Go right on up, but go easy."

The drop pin is in the left-hand corner, and the Editor didn't go up; he cleared from the premises with the velocity of a first-class rocket.

MONSIEUR HENRI BRIVAT writes to the *N. C. Daily News* that his competitor, M. Griffo, has just been charged by the Viceroy Li Hung-chang, to build a series of metallic bridges on the railway now in course of construction from Tongshan to Shanhaiwan. M. Griffo is well known in China by his *chef d'œuvre*, the work at Port Arthur, and the Viceroy, who has at last fully made up his mind that the Manchuria railway, which is to be equally a commercial and a strategic line, is to be built, has determined to employ on its construction all the best talent at his disposal; and he is known to be a good judge of men. The director-general is M. Peiblick; M. Kinder, who is held in the highest consideration at Tientsin, is chief engineer; Germany is to provide the rails, and M. Eiffel's works are to furnish the summer 22 spans of metallic bridging, of a total length of nearly half a mile. It is difficult, says M. Brivat, for one who is not an expert to write sufficiently of what M. Eiffel has done in this line, but I should like to say a word about his Garabit viaduct, one of the most beautiful pieces of ironwork in the world. Its total length is 564 metres, of which 443 metres are iron work. It rests on eight piers, the highest 50.44 metres, and the principal arch is a parabola curve of which the chord is 105 metres. Its dimensions make it the most important work of the kind yet constructed in France. The Viceroy Li, who is much interested in all the products of modern industry, and is at the same time of a very economical turn of mind, has deemed it advantageous to consult M. Griffo as to the firm to whom the order was to be given, while at the same time yielding with a good grace to the reiterated representations of M. Lemaire, the French Minister at Peking, and M. Brivat, the French Consul at Tientsin, two functionaries who, it is only just to say, are really solicitous to do what they can for their compatriots in China.

EXTREME pressure on our news columns prevents the publication of the list of subscribers to the Japan Earthquake Fund, courteously forwarded by the honorary secretary, Mr. W. Judd. Of the amount already subscribed a sum of \$5,000 has been remitted to Japan, and the balance will follow as soon as the few subscriptions still outstanding are collected.

THE *Official Gazette* of British North Borneo published on the 1st instant contains a copy of a despatch from the Government Secretary to the Chinese Advisory Board of Singapore, and it goes on to relate that at a special meeting of the said Board it was unanimously agreed that the loading and unloading of ships on Sunday should be prohibited. The Hongkong Marine Officers' Association's crusade against Sunday labour is evidently making the headway a righteous cause should do.

"GENERAL" Booth, who has recently arrived at Madras on philanthropic bent, says he has only seen three or four properly-cultivated plots of land in Australia, and they belonged to Chinamen. What *The Bulletin* wants to see now is the plot of land that Booth cultivated. So far the only agriculture which that distinguished Hebrew has done, to our knowledge, consists in cultivating the field of human weakness, and digging it up with howls, and irrigating it with drums and shrieks and jump, and then growing a big collection.

THE Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders left here for home this morning by the troopship *Orizaba*. The troop left her moorings about 9 o'clock and steamed slowly down the Harbour, the crews of the war-vessels in port manning the yards and cheering enthusiastically, whilst the Band of the Highlanders played "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me." On passing the Ocean Co.'s steamer *Titan*, the officers and crew of that vessel united in giving the departing guests three hearty cheers, which were taken up by the "Apoca" steamer *Delphin* and other merchant vessels as they passed. A number of steam launches followed the troop as far as West

THE Supreme Court of Illinois in its decision in the case of a man who sued a Bohemian party for calling him an Anarchist, declared that "Anarchist" is an actionable word, when used of a person, as "thief" would be, and that it is for the paper using the word to prove the individual thus designated is an Anarchist or a thief, or pay damages.

"BROWNIE" admitted in his last night's issue that his share list was *crushed out*. Well, all we have to say on the subject is that it might be to the advantage of the *Sunday's* one reader were the "crushing out" kept on for a while and the space filled with some original matter, or a rehash of some of the *Telegraph's* news items. That would show enterprise at least.

SAYS the Sydney *Bulletin*—Now that the legal professions have been amalgamated in Victoria by Act of Parliament, the old, hard-shell barristers are taking violent steps to preserve what they call their "status." They have formed a solemn league and covenant, described by themselves as the "Bar Association of Victoria," and by other people, no doubt, as the "Devils Ring," the members of which pledge themselves to have no dealings with any solicitor who practices as a barrister as provided by the Act, and not to recognise or consult or associate in any capacity with any barrister who also acts as a solicitor, or who accepts briefs from any boycotted solicitor. In other words, the league is an illegal association, formed to violently abrogate an Act of Parliament, to interfere with the liberty of the subject, and to intimidate men while in pursuit of their lawful calling. Under a certain Act of George IV., which is always taken up by the barristers, certain barristers practice intimidation and go on the boycott, a good many leading legal authorities are now liable to be seized by the police and sent to break road-metal in Pentridge, and doubtless that code which hits the rich and the poor alike will look after them promptly. Yuh!

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. Filding Clark, Puisne Judge.)

January 26th.

THE NOBLE ART OF TIPPING THE WIFE.

In the suit Tong Shing against Mok Koon Fuk, plaintiff (a woman) sought to recover from defendant, who, as compendious to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, certain Jewellery which she stated had been given her by her mother, when dying, and entrusted to defendant only for safe keeping. Mr. Dennis was for plaintiff and Mr. Gedde for defendant.

The plaintiff described with great minuteness the scene at the death-bed of her mother, when the property was given to her; and her sister gave corroborative evidence. The defendant claimed that the jewels all belonged to him, and that the death-bed story was an invention. The two women were closely cross-examined by Mr. Gedde and the Court.

His Lordship asked where the old woman had the jewels—in her pocket, or in a box, or a bag, or where?

She had them inside her jacket, and put her hand in—so (showing).

His Lordship:—I notice she is putting her hand just where Mr. Dennis is putting his.

Mr. Dennis assured the Court that he only put his hand inside his coat after the witness did so.

His Lordship:—Well, I saw you do it, Mr. Dennis, though I am sure you did not mean to do anything intentionally; but I saw you do like that, and then I saw the witness imitate. It is very objectionable to me.

Mr. Dennis reiterated his protest that he would never think of working the pantomime racket or prompting his witness, and his action was subsequent to hers.

His Lordship:—I saw you do it. I did not see her do it before you, but I saw her do it afterwards. Of course, I don't mean that you meant anything.

On further cross-examination it was clear that the witnesses were lying as hard as the best lawyer in the Colony, and judgment was given for defendant, with costs.

A FRAUDULENT CONTRACT.

In the suit Chan Tong against L. J. Holmes, plaintiff, a contractor, sought to recover \$1,000 for work done under a contract at the Pokfulam Sanatorium of the French Missionaries. The defence was that the contract was fraudulently obtained; the plaintiff had represented himself to be the agent of a well known Chinese contractor, and on the strength of his name had got the contract. The work was not finished, and on the Fathers' discovering the fraud they declined to allow the contract to bind them. Judgment was given for defendants with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE MISSIONARY RESIDENCES AT FA-TEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir—A Canton correspondent informs you that a recent fire on Fa-tee has disclosed the "palatial" residences of American Missionaries, and says that these residences are probably empty. One of those "palatial" structures is a school-house, every room crowded with scholars, and one end of the building is occupied by a missionary to avoid the expense of \$40 a month living on Shamen. The other building has been occupied since the day of its completion by a missionary and his family. Both buildings were bought and paid for by the sale of old property in Canton and \$100,000 gold additional returned to the Home Board. A man who cannot discriminate a school-house from a residence and draws on his imagination for facts is, of course, thoroughly qualified to enlighten your readers.

What he does not know about missions would make a magnificent volume.

Yours faithfully,

KWONG.

Canton, 24th January, 1892.

MASON'S VICTIMS.

CHINA'S JUDICIAL METHODS.

THE N. C. Daily News of January 23rd says editorially:—

The four unfortunate Chinese who were implicated by Mr. Mason, have now been forced by protracted torture to confess that they conspired with him, and will probably lose their heads.

That Mr. Mason ever contemplated such a result we do not believe, but he has done it. It is impossible for our authorities to interfere for these poor men. One of them, the head road collector, is a poor ignorant countryman, who was hired to pull the weeds out of the extra-concession roads at Chinkiang, and he almost certainly does not even know what the words *Ko-hoi Hui* mean. There is little doubt that all four men are entirely innocent of any evil intention, and it is a reproach to all foreign

that they should suffer as they have done, and have yet to do. All foreigners must be shocked at this result of Mason's criminal folly, and we are sure that all would be only too glad to hear that our authorities had found some way of approaching the Provincial Government, and getting the lives of these poor victims spared.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The price of gold bars has risen to a very high figure in Soochow. Silver is also scarce in the market. Some failures are expected.

A fire broke out on the 19th instant in Soochow, caused by burning joss paper. Several houses were destroyed, a boy was burned to death, an old woman lost four fingers, and a young man his leg by severe burns.

An Imperial decree was issued on the 19th instant, as follows:—Pien Pao-li memorialized us that he has served the regular term of office and begs that he be permitted an audience. Let Pien Pao-li come to Peking and be granted an audience. Hsi Yuan, the Tartar-General, will act as Governor-General of Fukien and Chekiang and also as the Imperial Commissioner of the Arsenal. Respect this.

Since commercial intercourse began between western countries and China, foreigners have leased land from Chinese. It was the custom for the lessors (natives) to hand the deeds of lands leased to the lessees (foreigners) who placed their own names on the deeds; but as malpractices resulted from this arrangement, the Shanghai Taotai, the year before last, petitioned for and obtained consent from the higher authorities to establish a Chinese Government Land Office in Hankow Road, close to the Bund. A deputy is stationed in the office to look after everything connected with the department. Any Chineseman selling land to a foreigner must first hand over the Chinese deeds to the *Shiao* of the place, who requests the land-flic deputy to make a measurement of the land in question; then the Taotai is petitioned to cancel the native deeds, and grant in exchange foreign title deeds in the name of the buyer. By such a method there can be no charge of selling the same piece of ground to several unwary parties. Lately Liu Kien-yi, Viceroys at Nanking, discovered that Chinese in leasing land to foreigners always raised the cost to enormous figures and held back as if the land were something valuable. Such was not the case, but the Chinese friendship existing between foreign countries and China. His Excellency accordingly ordered the magistrature of Shanghai to instruct the *Shiao* that, from this time forth, Chinese leasing land to foreigners must report to the magistrature, who will examine and measure the land concerned and decide the price, forbidding any extravagant figure to be demanded. On Tuesday the Shanghai magistrature summoned the *Shiao* of the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th sub-districts, and told them that in the event of foreigners purchasing land from Chinese the seller must report to him (the magistrature) who would settle the cost. All transactions in land previous to this injunction must be reported within three days. On no account will any subterfuge be permitted. The *Shiao* then gave their bonds, promised to obey, and retired.

CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

21st January, 1892.

For some days I have noticed men engaged in deepening certain of the ponds in the neighbourhood of our port. A casual inquiry about it brought to light one of the most practical pieces of charity that I have heard of the officials attempting. Owing to the drought of last summer, and the consequent bad crops, many of the farmers of this Fu are in very straitened circumstances. In order to assist them with ready money, and at the same time give them a water supply against any future drought, the officials have hit upon the happy expedient of granting so much money for the enlarging and deepening of certain ponds, the farmers themselves to do the work. I am told that the year before last as much as \$120,000 was given out in this way for similar work in this Fu. It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the same practical scheme will be put to work in improving the public roads, canals, etc.

Last week a proclamation was issued forbidding the killing of animals until there was snow. But as the heavens appeared obdurate, and the prospect of a meatless New Year season anything but pleasant, the interdiction was reconsidered, and before the seal was closed for the New Year, an order was issued to rescind it, much to the satisfaction of all. Even we foreigners have our meat supply cut off occasionally by these interdicts.

There is a rumour afloat that the 29th of this moon is set for riot at this place. But it is not probable that any one believes the story is any truth in it, even the man who started it. All is perfectly quiet. There is, however, a general complaint of the hardness of the times and dulness of business. But with the gunboat in port nothing is to be feared.—N. C. Daily News.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1892. [136]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th February, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February, 1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. W. MAITLAND, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1892. [135]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1892. [14]

WOODYEAR'S MAMMOTH CIRCUS.

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A SERIOUS WORD.

THE PROPRIETORS of this CIRCUS thank the public for their kind attendance on Saturday and Monday nights. Our Mammoth Tent was crowded and the audience was enthusiastic in the applause given to each and all of our artists. Our show is a success, and we shall try and deserve the patronage we receive.

BEWARE OF SLANDERERS.

Our show has been in the East for years; we have lived and have spent our money liberally in the cities where we have earned our living. In all this time we have never found it necessary to make slanderous attacks upon rivals in our business. We don't believe in blackguarding others. "LIVE AND LET LIVE" is our motto. Besides, our show speaks for itself. A really strong Circus has no need to run down others. If it is really and truly good it will draw the public upon its merits. Our show is really good, hence we draw the public. We do not claim to be the Barnum of the East. Barnum in his early days was a great humbug, yet with considerable merit; most of his imitators are all humbug and possess no merit. There is no humbug in our show, IT IS ALL GOOD.

We don't use the name of Barnum or Charlie or other showmen to draw the public to our tents. We stand on our own merits and don't shine by the light of other people. In the Circus business talent and not numbers count. Thirty good performers can give a better show than many "supers" and a lot of

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An entirely new Programme Sparkling with Fun, Music, Dancing, and Merriment.

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